

Lieutenant Colonel Greene's faithful service, leadership, loyalty, and dedication to duty uphold the highest traditions of military service, and he has repeatedly stood for the defense of this Nation. His devotion to the defense of liberty epitomizes the words soldier, patriot and American.

I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Lieutenant Colonel Craig M. Greene for his service to our Nation and the U.S. Army. I thank his wife, Michelle, and his sons, Jackson and Austin, for their support while he fulfilled this essential duty to our country. I personally wish the Greene family all the best as they celebrate Lieutenant Colonel Greene's richly deserved retirement.●

NIKE INC.

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I wish to highlight the importance of acknowledging and celebrating extraordinary efforts by individuals and companies that are leading the way in protecting and preserving America's natural resources. I am honored to congratulate the leadership and employees of Nike Inc., headquartered in my State of Oregon.

According to a new scorecard released by nonprofit group Climate Counts, Nike ranked first among the United States' most climate-friendly companies. The scorecard, first released in June 2007, grades major corporations in well-known consumer sectors from apparel to electronics to fast food—on their commitment to reversing climate change. Nike was judged to have one of the strongest and most transparent programs to reduce climate change among well-known brands across nine industry sectors.

Nike has taken aggressive steps to address climate change, including establishing clear goals for lowering carbon emissions at its facilities around the world, designing sustainable products with environmentally preferable materials, purchasing renewable power, and offsetting the emissions from Nike business travel. More importantly, Nike is exporting not only their world class products, but they are also exporting the values of sustainability throughout the world as they continue their efforts to reduce the company's carbon footprint in its contract manufacturing facilities in Asia.

We can also see Nike's commitment to this effort in another very real way. Nike has been a leader in developing sustainable products and components since its inception. Most recently, Nike unveiled the Air Native N7 shoe designed for Native Americans. The N7 in the name is a reference to the seventh generation theory, used by many Native American tribes to look to the three generations preceding them for wisdom and the three generations ahead for their legacy. By designing this sustainable shoe, Nike is looking ahead to a future that must include greater awareness in protecting our en-

vironment and natural resources for the generations to follow.

My home State of Oregon continues to build on a long history of innovation in environmental policy and practice. Nike proves once again that everyone doing their small part can achieve huge successes. Nike's legacy continues to grow as they lead the way as an extremely successful company but not forgetting about how important it is to preserve and protect the natural resources around us. I commend the leadership and employees with the Nike team for their stellar efforts and pledge my full support as they move forward.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:35 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to an amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, with an amendment; and has agreed to the Senate engrossed amendment with an amendment.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5511. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5710. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5781. An act to provide that 8 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6063. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6085. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the "Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building".

H.R. 6150. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "John P. Gallagher Post Office Building".

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 350. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States, through the International Whaling Commission, should use all appropriate measures to end commercial whaling in all of its forms, including scientific and other special permit whaling, coastal whaling, and community-based whaling, and seek to strengthen the conservation and management measures to facilitate the conservation of whale species, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under authority of the order of the Senate of June 20, 2008, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 20, 2008, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announcing that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6304. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5511. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5781. An act to provide that 8 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6063. An act to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 6085. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho Mirage, California, as the "Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5710. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes.